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LAST VOWS, August 15th

Fr. Casassa, St. Mary's, Boston.
Fr. Harney, San Francisco.
Fr. Martin, Fordham, New York.
Fr. Prendiville, Hollywood.
Fr. Kehrlein, San Francisco.
Br. Butler, Los Gatos.
Br. Deutsch, Los Gatos.

Golden Jubilee.

Sept. 2, Fr. Wm. Shepherd.

ALMA

June 29. At 2:30 a. m., Fr. Graham and Mr. Connolly were awakened by a fire raging in the wall between their rooms and in the attic of the Annex. The community was warned by the fire bell, and within five minutes a large number of theologians were fighting the fire and helping to carry out furniture and personal belongings. Three engines arrived from Alma, but in that half hour the fire was under control. A big factor in the fire's failure to spread was the asbestos quality of the firtex wall panelling in the rooms. Water seepage, in some places down to the bottom floor, caused the most damage. The roof has been replaced; all the floors sanded and stained; and all the rooms and halls of the Annex, repainted.

Major vacations were held at home. Several who wished, went to Phelan Park. During August small groups helped fix up Phelan Park.

Fr. Acquistapace gave the retreat to the community and sixteen visitors. Every room was used, due to the shortage created by the evacuation of the Annex. Messre. Morton and Keating took over the kitchen, when a labor difficulty arose; they made the regents' retreat at Santa Clara.

The new beadle and sub-beadle are Messrs. Moore and Farraher.

The two lakes have been chemically treated to control the weeds.

Bro. James Finnegan of San Jose and Br. Skelly have exchanged places.

The Western Jesuit circulation department, with Fr. Eugene Toner in charge, has been moved to a San Francisco office. The editorial staff with Fr. William Huesman continuing as editor, will remain at Alma.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Among the 85 students in the summer semester are 6 overseas veterans taking advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights. All of them attended classes at the University before enlisting in the armed forces. Two, 1st Lt. Neil Broderick and Capt. James Hodges, were bomber pilots in the AAF, credited with 30 missions over Europe and 65 missions in the Pacific, respectively.

Frs. Collins and Reed, and Messrs. Kristovich and McCormack have joined the faculty. Mr. McCormack takes over Fr. Rossetti's Spanish classes.

Fr. Connolly arbitrated a film strike between the producers and the Office Workers' Union.

Five Japanese returnees are working in the kitchen and on the grounds.

While the students were away in July, three laymen's retreats with an average attendance of 22, were conducted.

Capt. Bradford, chaplain, returned from Europe, is expecting to be sent to the Pacific.

LOYOLA HIGH

Of some 550 who took the entrance examination, 240 have been accepted for the Fall term. The total registration is close to 900. Additional accommodations for 42 resident students have been secured by the purchase of flats east of the auditorium.

Fr. Joseph Huesman is assistant procurator.

Fr. Von der Ahe addressed the Santa Clara Teachers' Institute.

Fr. Brolan attended the Catholic University during the summer.

The chemistry laboratory and lecture room have been renovated.

In July, at St. Andrew's, Rr. Ryder presented "Boris Dodunoff," a classical

Russian play by Pushkin. Mr. Menard left for Alma. His place has been taken by Mr. Koch, from the New York Province, come to study the Russian language and mission.

Aug. 5. Chaplain O'Callaghan preached at Blessed Sacrament. He was accorded a rising vote of acclaim and presented a special Award of Valor, by the Los Angeles Breakfast Club.

Chaplains Bradstreet and Stretch paid short visits during the summer.

Two new altars, gifts of benefactors, are being installed in the faculty chapel.

"The Loyola Club" of the dads, will start off a very active year with the promotion of football season ticket sales.

Two non-Catholics who attended Loyola last year, received instruction and entered the Church. Others are under instruction.

1945 Loyola High-Los Gatos List.

April: Thomas Bluth.
June 16: Donald O'Neill.
July 25: William Thom.
July 30: George Krivanek.
Aug. 14: Robert St. Claire.
Cary McCann.
Richard Hill.
Sept. 4: Frank Buckley
Edward Callanan.
Charles Leyba.

LOS GATOS

Jun. 8. Feast of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Thomas O'Rourke named Minister of the House.

New Novices: June, two; July, three; August, nine.

SAN FRANCISCO

Our barracks are again leased, this time to a Military Police unit. During the San Francisco Conference, they were leased to a unit of Strategic Services.

Aug. 12. The sermons at the last two Masses were given by Fr. Joseph T. O'Callahan, S.J., heroic chaplain of the carrier Franklin. The sermons had been well advertised in the papers and over the radio, so that for both Masses the church was filled to capacity.

In compliance with the Archbishop's wishes, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the Church from the announcement of peace, 4:00 p.m., August 14, until evening. On August 16, a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was sung. Fr. O'Callaghan spoke again at this Mass, which was very well attended.

Five new altars in St. Ignatius "crypt," a large room in the basement of the church, formerly used partly by the Sanctuary Society, and as a storeroom, eliminate the necessity of 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock Masses.

July 31. Eight Jesuit Chaplains from the neighborhood were guests at dinner.

Fr. Edward Heggarty, returning to the Philippine Mission, and Fr. Masterson, Mission Procurator and NCWC representative, returning from the Islands, were our guests during the summer.

The University conducted two summer sessions. The first had an enrollment of 238, an increase of 30 over last year. There were 36 more Sisters than before. In addition to our own faculty with Frs. Aldridge and Coleman, as new members, we were privileged to have Frs. Brusher, Patrick Donohoe, Fagothey, Shipsey and Wilson on our staff.

Fr. Hubert Flynn is failing daily. The doctors are astonished at the vitality that keeps postponing the end.

BELLARMINE PREP

Mr. Leo. Cullen has been much improved in health by his stay in Monrovia. With Messrs. Charvet and Doherty, he has gone to Alma.

A new bath house, containing showers and dressing rooms for the athletic teams, a meeting room for the Mothers' Guild, and a band room, have been added to the swimming pool.

All the damage done to the gymnasium by the fire has been repaired.

Fr. James Rooney is head prefect of Kostka Hall; Fr. Corvi is Assistant Principal.

With two boys from the Junior Sodality, Mr. Doherty attended the SSCA in Chicago.

Aug. 14. Four candidates from Bellarmine, Robert Donnelly, John McFeeley, Martin and Leo Rock, entered Los Gatos.

Mr. McDonough, previously at Fordham for 18 years, has been appointed Infirmarian for the resident students, and swimming coach.

SANTA CLARA

Aug. 29-31. Fr. Ralph Gallagher, of Loyola, Chicago, gave the students' retreat.

Fr. O'Connell supplied at San Carlos, Monterey, for two months.

Frs. Fagothey and Shipsey taught at the USF Summer School.

Aug. 6-15. About 80 Fathers, Scholastics, and Brothers made Fr. Paul O'Brien's retreat. They lived in Nobili

Hall, and ate in the students' dining room.

Special Students at Stanford: Fr. Bourret, enigneering; Frs. Hancock and Pociask, English; Fr. Lagan, political science; Fr. Schiffner, Romance Languages; Fr. Spieler, physics.

Fr. McMahon visited the campus, before shipping out with his Marine flyers.

Fr. Copeland visited after returning from Germany, and before reporting to Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Fr. Schmidt's local youth center has now over 300 members.

The Emergency Fund has $105,000 of the $150,000 needed to cover the deficit of the war years.

Aug. 6. The community had a picnic and barbecue in the Saratoga foothills.

Sept. 15. Geo. Hagmaier, '45, will enter the New Jersey Paulist Novitiate.

The USO dormitory for service men has been operating on Saturday nights all summer in Kenna Hall.

Perpetual Scholarships have been founded in memory of Paul Paganini and Robert Jacobs ,both killed in the European war.

Dr. Firmin Orella's widow has made the Orella Medal a permanent annual award for an honor student in science.

A P-61, "Black Widow," has been purchased from the government for $150. It is a new plane with its instrument board intact; it will be used for experiments in the engineering department.

Villa Maria has been sold to Mr. Raymond Byron of San Jose.

Aug. 20. The Law School ,closed for two years, reopened under Dean J. Owens.

The combined registration for Law School and undergraduate departments is 151, a 50% increase over last year's enrollment.

Nobili Hall, and perhaps Kenna Hall also, will house boarders. Some of Bellarmine's senior boarders may occupy Kenna Hall.

The new altar at Moffett Field, where Fr. Tobin says Mass, is a 4-way one on a turn-table, with one section for the Catholics, and others for the Christian Scientists, the Jews, and the Protestants.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Bradstreet visited the coast in August. With other officers, he lost his belongings to the light fingers of the longshoremen strikers at Portsmouth.

Fr. Clark escorted Fr. Hubbard from Bari to Naples and to Sicily. They traveled in a flying fortress. Fr. Clark penned his letter while 4000 feet over Italy.

Fr. Copeland packed a lot of history in his talks to the regents and others. His answer to the query: Why did the people let Hitler do what he did? At Dachau see what happened to those who tried to stop him.

Fr. Crowley and his outfit rode into Pilsen amid scattered flowers, and a more practical welcome of big foamy mugs of beer—so glad were the people that the four long years were over.

Fr. Deasy is with a new outfit, and is at Guam.

Fr. Gaffney is in Maine. He has been visiting the relatives of his service men who lost their lives.

Fr. Giambastiani sailed through the Panama Canal. He enjoyed seeing his old camping ground—from the ship. He and Fr. Kelly communicated with each other through a third party, but could not get together.

Fr. Kavanagh reports the Ateneo a sad ruin. In June he was chief of all the chaplains in his area.

Fr. Kelly reports that when escorts came by to refuel, the Catholics were told to lay aft on the fantail for absolution. Some escorts have been 18 months without Mass or Sacraments.

Fr. Kilp stopped at Oberammergau. Plans are under way to produce the Passion Play next year.

Fr. Lynch continues rounding up Jesuit students. He had them recently from Holy Cross, Boston, Fordham, Creighton, Los Angeles.

Fr. McGrorey returned to California in August. His story of Rome and of the Holy Land is inspiring.

Fr. McMahon was near Fr. Giambastiani. When he last wrote, they were to have dinner together along with Fr. Babb, S.J., and a fourth Jesuit chaplain.

Fr. O'Mara reports his varied career. He arrived in England in July, '43, with the 90th Division. From Aug., '43, to April, '44, he was with a huge Ordnance Depot and was in charge of the stockade, a Station Hospital and an English Hospital. From April to Sept., '44, he was given the District Supervisor job, which he made more acceptable by giving Missions when possible. In Jan., '45, he was sent to France; moved into

the Maginot Line, then up to the Siegfried Line, the Ardenne Forest. Crossed the Moselle with the engineers. A week later sweated out a horible night while crossing the Rhine. He kept moving up, until he is just outside the city of Plauen.

Fr. Stretch could not get to his father's funeral. He was put off the plane at Dallas, Texas.

VARIA

El Retiro had three groups of boys for retreats: from Alameda, Bellarmine, and Martinez.

The Sacramento priests will not come any more, except as individuals, for retreats at El Retiro. The Passionists are to start a place in the Sacramento Diocese.

Aug. 14. Peace Day. Some 600 attended Benediction at St. Joseph's, San Jose. Great numbers went to confession and Communion, on Assumption Day.

Aug. 15. Fr. Hanlon was installed as St. Mary's Pastor, by Msgr. Maher.

During the past six months, Wagner Pub. Co. sold 107 copies of Fr. Lonergan's "Campaigning for Christ." Only 202 copies remain.

Aug. 15. Fr. Pena's father pronounced his last vows in Spain. V. R. Fr. Vicar advanced the time for this.

Fr. Casassa made his Last Vow retreat at Auriesville, where he met Major McGuigan, S.J., and Fr. Prendiville.

Aug. 19. Long Retreat at Port Townsend started.

July 19. At a barbecue for the 75 regents at Villa Joseph, there were also present 9 sets of brothers.

Fr Madigan recommends a poster for every Jesuit sacristy, advertising to the servers the Jesuit priesthood and the Jesuit Brothers. In his sacristy there is an ornate poster on "Apostles of Today" sent him by the Seminary for the Colored, in Mississippi. His altar boys asked him to explain, and were most interested. The poster will be a constant reminder.

Fr. Hubbard brought a ton of supplies to Fr. Vicar. The Navy loaded it on board ship, and later trucked it to Rome. He stole the show on board ship with his lectures. In Italy where 45,000 men were restless while waiting to come home, though they booed two U.S.O. shows off the stage, Fr. Hubbard entertained them for two hours and a half, and they still wanted more.

FR. FELIX A. ROSSETTI

1875 —Jan. 23, b. in Virginia City, Nev., of Alexander Rossetti and Magdalen Bassetti.
1895 —Jan. 10, entered from San Francisco; admitted by Fr. H. Imoda.
1895-97—Novice, Los Gatos.
1897 —Feb. 2, 1st vows, Br. Giacobbi.
1897-00—Junior, Los Gatos.
1900-03—Philosophy, Spokane.
1903-06—Teacher, S.I.H.
1906-09—Theology, St. Louis.
1909 —July 12, ordained, S.I.C., S.F.
1909-12—Teacher, Santa Clara.
1912-14—Teacher, S.I.H.
1914-15—Tertian, Poughkeepsie.
1916 Feb. 2, Last Vows, L.A., Fr. Ruppert.
1915-27—Loyola U., L.A.
1927-28—Asst., Bl. Sacr.
1928-29—Minister, Phoenix.
1929-34—Santa Barbara, Minister.
1934-45—Teacher, L. U.
1945 —July 17, killed in auto accident, Los Angeles.

For several years Fr. Rossetti went down town for the afternoon mail. On July 17, a boy drove our car, containing two other boys and Frs. Rossetti and Madigan. The driver failed to notice a machine coming from the left, as they reached 83rd Street, and drove across its path. The crash caused Fr. Rossetti, who had his hand on the door handle, to open the door, and threw him out on his head. Our car was sent across the street into a lot, and turned half way around.

Fr. Madigan was tossed against the top of the car and received a severe head bruise. His side was given a glancing blow by the crashing car, but fortunately he was far enough forward, to escape the full impact. None of the boys were hurt.

Fr. Rossetti bled profusely from his crash on the hard pavement. Three hours later he died at Queen of Angels Hospital, most likely without ever regaining consciousness.

He had made his retreat a few days before, and was more than ready for his sudden and violent "Nunc Dimittis."

DEATHS

July 17, Fr. Felix Rossetti, L. A.
Brother-in-law of the Fathers Deeney.
Father of Fr. Jerome Sullivan.
Mother of Fr. Ring.
Father of Fr. Stretch.
Fr. Maiaise's brother, Rene.
His sister, Sister Martina.
His niece, Suzanna Malaise.
His brother-in-law, Desire Opsomer.